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Attorney Docket No. 21402-224AG (CURA-524AG)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Padigaru *et al.*
DATE OF DEPOSIT OF US NATIONAL APPLICATION: December 18, 2001
EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned
SERIAL NUMBER 10/024,444 ART UNIT: 1645
FOR: NOVEL GPCR-LIKE PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the February 7, 2002 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 7, 2002. A check (#12683) in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the extension of time.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 21402-224AG (CURA 524AG). Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

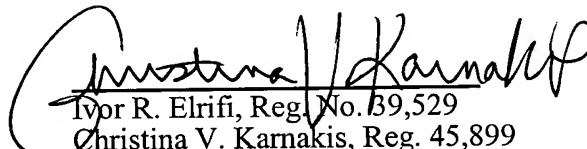
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